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The National Foreign Assessment Center (NFAC) is the intelligence research, analysis, and production element of the Central Intelligence Agency.

NFAC's function is to inform the US national security policy process by providing a relevant and timely analytic product. NFAC does this in a variety of ways ranging from informal direct contacts with policy makers to briefings and formal written products. These include serial publications, monograph studies, and contributions to the most formal of intelligence products, the National Intelligence Estimate. The research and analysis effort is organized along functional lines; the geographic coverage and range of activities of each major component are shown below. Further information on analytic activities and the intelligence support that NFAC can provide may be obtained from the senior official identified for each component.

### Office of Political Analysis

Coverage: Worldwide

Produces:

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- Current reporting on political developments
- Intelligence research studies on:

Political developments in individual countries and in regional groupings

International issues

### Manages:

- · Task forces for crisis monitoring
- Interdisciplinary analytic centers on:

Southwest Asia

Cuba-Caribbean

China-US relations

International narcotics and terrorism

Miss Helene L. Boatner, Director,

### Office of Strategic Research

Coverage: Primarily on Communist states Produces:

- Current reporting on military and military-economic developments
- Intelligence research studies on:

Military forces and capabilities

Military doctrine, strategy and tactics

Military policy and programs

Economic implications of military programs

Provides:

• Intelligence support to SALT and MBFR negotiations Mr. R. M. Huffstutler, Director,

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### Office of Scientific and Weapons Research

Coverage: Primarily on Communist states Produces:

- Current reporting on scientific and technical developments
- Intelligence research studies on:

Technical characteristics of weapon and space systems Physical and life sciences

Military and civil technology

Nuclear energy and weapons

Mr. E. Wayne Boring, Director,

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### Office of Economic Research

Coverage: Worldwide, with emphasis on Communist states Produces:

- Current reporting on economic and energy developments
- Intelligence research studies on:

Economic performance and capabilities

Economic plans and programs

Energy capabilities and programs

Dr. Maurice C. Ernst, Director,

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### Office of Geographic and Societal Research

Coverage: Worldwide

Produces:

- Intelligence research studies on: Geographic and natural resource topics Social, cultural and demographic topics
- Maps, charts, and graphics

Provides:

• Specialized map reference services and maps Dr. James P. Lynch, Director,

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## Office of Current Operations

Coverage: Worldwide

- Publishes the National Intelligence Daily
- Manages the 24-hour CIA Operations Center

Mr. Richard Kerr, Director,

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Mr. Richard Lehman, Chairman

The National Intelligence Council (NIC) is the production element of the Intelligence Community.

The NIC identifies those US national security issues before the policy makers that can be illuminated best by an interagency analysis and manages the Community-wide production of an appropriate National Intelligence issuance. The purpose is to ensure that the policy maker is informed fully on the most important issues by bringing to bear all of the pertinent information, analytic power, and intelligence judgment that exist in the Community. To perform this function, the NIC maintains continuing contact with policy-level

consumers to ensure that their intelligence support needs are known and met.

The NIC consists of nine senior National Intelligence Officers (NIOs) with substantive accounts as shown below. In addition, there are two NIOs-At-Large and a small Analytic Group. The NIOs are the principal substantive support officers to the DCI and DD/NFA in providing intelligence inputs to the policy process at the NSC level. Given the broad scope of their responsibilities, the NIOs provide an important point of access for the policy maker to the collection and analytic mechanisms of the Intelligence Community.

NIO/Africa
Dr. Gray Cowan,
NIO/East Asia
Amb. John Holdridge,
NIO/Latin America
Dr. Jack Davis,
NIO/Near East and South Asia
Mr. Robert Ames
NIO/USSR-Eastern Europe
Dr. Robert Gates
NIO/Western Europe
Mr. Joseph Zaring,

Mr. David Brandwein,	25X1
NIO/General Purpose Forces Major Gen. Ennis Whitehead,	25 <b>X</b> 1
NIO/Warning Mr. Richard Lehman,	<sup>25X</sup> 15 <b>X</b> 1
NIO-At-Large Mr. Hans Heymann,	25 <b>X</b> 1
NIO-At-Large Dr. Jeremy Azrael	25X1 <sub>1</sub>
Analytic Group  Dr. Harold Ford, Associate Chairman,	25X1

### **Interagency Intelligence Publications**

National Intelligence Estimate: Addresses a foreign situation of highest policy concern to the United States. An NIE goes beyond the consideration of factual evidence to project likely outcomes.

Special National Intelligence Estimate: Shares the attributes of the NIE but addresses an urgent and specific problem.

Alert Memorandum: Warns of a current development that threatens US interests. It addresses the possible trend of events, the resulting implications for US interests, and relevant intelligence collection actions.

Interagency Intelligence Memorandum: Assesses a foreign situation of high policy concern to the US. It is the appropriate interagency vehicle on occasions when the paramount intelligence task is the reaching of factual determinations.

The Memorandum to Holders is a device used:

- To reaffirm the findings of an existing paper after the passage of time or after significant changes in the situation.
- To update an existing paper that does not require extensive re-examination.
- To consider new questions or materials in conjunction with an existing, valid paper.

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is issued periodically by the NIC. Copies of NIC tions may be obtained by contacting	, puotica-
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Office of Imagery Analysis	Office of Central Reference	
Coverage: Emphasis on Communist states Produces:  • Photographic intelligence research studies on:	Coverage: Worldwide, with emphasis on Communist states  Provides intelligence reference and bibliographic services	
Military forces and activities Economic facilities and activities Scientific and technical facilities and activities Develops:	Mr. Clarus Rice, Director,	25X
• Methodologies and techniques for intelligence exploitation of imagery  Mr. Wayne Strand, Director	Mr. Clarus Rice, Director,	25X
NFAC Intelligence Publications		
Monograph Studies	Bi-Weekly	
Intelligence Memorandum: A brief, timely analysis of a current foreign policy issue or intelligence development sufficiently important to merit the attention of policy and action	East Asia Review China Review Western Europe Review Economic and Energy Indicators	
officers.  Intelligence Assessment: Comprehensive study of a topic.  Judgments are supported by evidence and analysis.	Monthly Imagery Analysis Monthly Review International Issues Review	
<b>Technical Intelligence Report:</b> Designed mainly for technical users. Usually dealing with evaluation of weapon systems capabilities.	International Energy Statistical Review Strategic Intelligence Monthly Review Chiefs of State and Cabinet Officers	
<b>Research Paper:</b> A largely descriptive in-depth review of a topic.	Bi-Monthly Contra: An NFAC Journal of Alternate Views	
Reference Aid: A compilation of factual data—e.g., trade	Quarterly	25X1
statistics. <b>Typescript Memorandum:</b> A quick response intelligence analysis prepared at the request of or in direct support of a	China International Trade Quarterly Review Communist Aid and Trade Activities in Less Developed Countries	
policy official.		25X1
Serials		
Daily National Intelligence Daily Science and Weapons Daily Review	Annual Basic Intelligence Factbook Irregular	
Weekly Military Weekly Review	Analytical Methods Review International Narcotics Review	
Near East and South Asia Review USSR and Eastern Europe Review Latin America Review	An area index of NFAC publications is published annually and a weekly publication, NFAC Selected Intelligence Reports, provides the titles and abstracts of issuances. Copies	
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